



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

- WHEREAS: Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunications to deliver clinical treatment, consultation recommendations, and education services to patients, medical professionals, and health care administrators; and
- WHEREAS: Telehealth applications may include videoconferencing, store and forward imaging, remote patient monitoring, and wireless communications, among other features; and
- WHEREAS: Telehealth emphasizes coordinated, patient-centered, population health care, and helps to increase access to medical specialists by offering timely and more convenient consultation opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to providing greater access to remote health care, telehealth also encompasses and benefits patient learning, continuing medical education, provider training, and administrative meetings; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia is home to a variety of telehealth services including county health departments that offer maternal-fetal medicine, sickle cell treatment, nutrition counseling, pulmonology care, pre and post-surgery consultations, infectious disease care, psychiatric services; pediatric emergency and critical care, hospital intensive care units, acute stroke, general neurological care; community medical homes that offer home monitoring and consultations, school-based health care, and special locations for victims of crime; and
- WHEREAS: Telehealth Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the benefits of telehealth to the overall health and well-being of all citizens, as well as Georgia's health care system; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim January 29–February 2, 2018, as TELEHEALTH AWARENESS WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riden

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